

SSB 5734 - H AMD TO WAYS COMM AMD (H-3287.1) **717**

By Representative Anderson

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1 On page 2, after line 34 of the striking amendment, insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 28B.15 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) In an effort to control the total amount of tuition paid by
6 resident undergraduate students in pursuit of an associate or
7 bachelors degree, the institutions of higher education must establish
8 a cap on the total number of credits required for completion of a
9 degree. The state board for community and technical colleges shall
10 establish a maximum of ninety quarter credits for all associate
11 degrees conferred by the community and technical colleges. The
12 governing boards of the state universities, regional universities, and
13 The Evergreen State College shall establish a maximum one hundred
14 eighty quarter credits or one hundred twenty semester credits for all
15 undergraduate degrees.

16 (2) The public institutions of higher education may request an
17 exemption from the provisions of this section if the degrees would be
18 conferred in a high employer demand program of study. The community
19 and technical colleges may request an exemption from the state board
20 for community and technical colleges. The state universities, regional
21 universities, and The Evergreen State College may request an exemption
22 from the higher education coordinating board.

23 (3) The state board for community and technical colleges and the
24 higher education coordinating board shall develop policies and
25 procedures to implement the provisions of this section."

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EFFECT: Requires the institutions of higher education to establish caps on the maximum number of credits that can be required for the completion of associate and bachelor's degrees. The SBCTC and HECB are given authority to make exemptions to the requirement.

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